

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DON RYAN**, on March 14, 2007 at 2:44 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Don Ryan, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)  
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)  
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (D)  
Sen. Dan McGee (R)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch  
Marigail Schreiner, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only.  
They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 678, 3/10/2007  
Executive Action: HB 347

00:00:03 Opening comments by Chairman Ryan

**HEARING ON HB 678**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:52 **REP. MICHAEL LANGE (R), HD 55**, opened the hearing on **HB 678**, Revise school funding and tax laws.

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a03\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:10:11 John Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:12:22 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards' Association

00:16:40 Tom Bilodeau, MEA/MFT

00:18:05 David Ewer, Budget Director for Governor Schweitzer

00:19:25 Madalyn Quinlan, Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction

00:21:00 Dan Bucks, Director of Revenue for the Citizens of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds54a06\)](#)

00:33:14 Pete Carparelli, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition

**Informational Testimony:**

00:37:09 Jim Standard, Legislative Fiscal Division

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:37:36 Sen. Story to Director Bucks

00:52:40 Chairman Ryan to Rep. Lang  
00:57:16 Sen. Elliott to Rep. Lang  
00:58:10 Sen. Elliott to Sen. Story  
01:02:31 Sen. Elliott to Director Bucks  
01:07:32 Chairman Ryan  
01:07:48 Sen. Story to Madalyn Quinlan  
01:09:31 Sen. Story to Rep. Lang  
01:10:26 Sen. Story to Jim Standard  
01:12:14 Chairman Ryan to Jim Standard  
01:16:10 Chairman Ryan to Lance Melton  
01:16:46 Sen. Kitzenberg to Rep. Lang  
01:17:14 Sen. Story to Jim Standard  
01:18:03 Sen. Peterson to Tom Bilodeau  
01:23:36 Sen. Hawks to Rep. Lang  
01:27:35 Sen. Juneau to Rep. Lang  
01:30:30 Chairman Ryan to Lance Melton  
01:31:49 Sen. Juneau left the meeting.  
01:33:23 Chairman Ryan to Pete Carparelli  
01:35:37 Chairman Ryan to Lance Melton  
01:37:06 Sen. Story to Lance Melton  
01:38:16 Sen. Story to David Ewer  
01:52:08 Sen. Elliott left

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:42:21 Rep. Lang

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 347**

01:56:27 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. MCGEE moved that HB 347 BE CONCURRED  
IN. Motion carried unanimously. SEN. KITZENBERG will  
carry HB 347 on the Senate Floor.

01:57:07 Closing comments by Chairman Ryan

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:42 P.M.

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SEN. DON RYAN, Chairman

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MARIGAIL SCHREINER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([eds54aad.pdf](#))**